

Go fishing at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is known for having one of the South's greatest natural wonders in Cumberland Falls, but there are also several places to fish within and nearby the park. Bank fishing is popular just below Cumberland Falls in the park. The Kentucky Wild River section of Cumberland River can be float fished from Forest Road 536 downstream 7.5 miles to the park's picnic area just above Hwy 90 Bridge. Anglers can also float from the lower end of Jellico Creek at Hwy 478 Bridge downstream 0.75 mile to Cumberland River, then float 13.0 miles down to the picnic area. You will be only 0.25 mile from the Cumberland Falls when approaching the Hwy 90 Bridge, so stay far to the right in order to reach the picnic area on the right-hand bank and avoid the falls. The Wild River section of Cumberland River offers fishing for smallmouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, rock bass, redbreast sunfish, bluegill, walleye, and channel catfish.

Bark Camp Creek is a 13-mile drive from Cumberland Falls State Resort Park to Forest Road 193 Bridge, where both rainbow and brown trout can be caught. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources stocks a total of 3,600 rainbow trout into this stream during March through June and October. Another 500 brown trout are stocked in late winter. During October 1 through March 31, a catch and release season is in effect, during which all anglers must fish with artificial baits and immediately release all trout back into the stream. Trout may be kept after March 31.

Marsh Creek can be float fished from Hwy 478 Bridge downstream 6.0 miles to Laurel Creek Road Bridge during the spring and after heavy rains in the summer. Anglers can catch smallmouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, rock bass, and redbreast sunfish on this float trip. You may experience log jams and deadfall trees that require portaging around.

Plan an extended fishing trip at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park and enjoy one of Kentucky's most unique park settings. Overnight accommodations include DuPont Lodge, 20 Woodland Rooms, 25 cottages, and a campground.

